

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

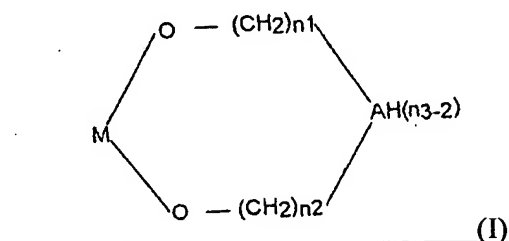
1-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) An alternating current type plasma display comprising: a back substrate and a front substrate provided to face each other with a gas discharge space sandwiched between the back and front substrates;

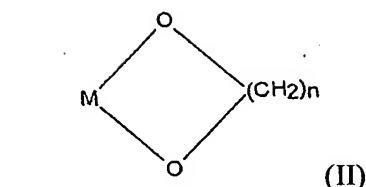
_____ a pair of electrodes, covered with a dielectric layer, provided on one or both of the substrates; and

_____ a protective layer provided on the dielectric layer, the protective layer being produced by coating a coating liquid, substantially containing a partial hydrolyzate ~~prepared from a composition comprising an alkaline earth metal compound comprising a magnesium alkoxide and an additive comprising a diethanolamine~~ derived from an alkaline earth metal compound having a hydrolysable reaction site, on a dielectric layer provided on a substrate and heating the coating;

_____ wherein said partial hydrolyzate is derived from the alkaline earth metal compound represented by one of the following structural formula (I) or (II)



wherein M represents an alkaline earth metal atom, A represents a hetero atom, n1 and n2 are integers of 1 or more, and n3 is a valence of the hetero atom;



wherein M represents an alkaline earth metal atom and n is an integer of 1 or more.

19. (Previously Presented) The alternating current type plasma display according to claim 18, wherein the composition further comprises water in an amount not more than a stoichiometric amount relative to the hydrolysable reaction site of the magnesium alkoxide and an organic solvent.

20-22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously Presented) The alternating current type plasma display according to claim 18, wherein the alkaline earth metal oxide film is formed of magnesium oxide particles having a diameter of not more than 0.3 μm .

24-27. (Canceled)